



# EMC News

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## **Chair's Report**



Happy New Year and welcome to our new and returning members. We'll meet Edward Marx, the new Planning Commissioner, at our January meeting. We'll also vote for EMC Vice Chairpersons, establish and sign up for committees, and sign up for liaison positions. New members can find out about last year's committees by reading the December 2001 minutes. I'm looking forward to working with all of you.

*Submitted by Susan Brock*

## **Coordinator's Report**

Happy 2002 to everyone! In case you didn't already know, I have replaced Mikel as the EMC Coordinator on an interim basis – possibly permanently, depending on how the new Planning Commissioner, Ed Marx, assigns his 2002 work programs.

I first started working for Tompkins County in 2000. My main projects for 2001 were coordinating the completion of the Tompkins County Natural Resource Inventory, working on the county's Vital Communities Initiative, and analyzing the new Census 2000 data. My current projects include: coordinating the Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan, the Tompkins County First Time Homeownership Program, the Commercial Center Revitalization Program, as well as the EMC. I am the "data person" for the department with a strong background in GIS mapping.

Prior to coming back to Tompkins County (I have lived here for 20 years), I worked in New Hampshire (Regional Planning) in 1999, Washington, DC (Transportation Planning) in 1997-98, and in Corning, NY (Mapping and Community Planning) in 1995-96. These short-term positions followed getting my Master's degree in Environmental Resource Management and Administration from Antioch New England Graduate School in 1995.

I look forward to continuing to work with the EMC in my coordinator capacity.

*Submitted by Tom Mank*

## **Special Report - From the Tompkins County Planning Commissioner**

It is a pleasure to be here in Tompkins County! I lived here for four years while studying for my undergraduate degree in Natural Resource Economics at Cornell University, but that was some time ago. It is exciting to return to the shores of Cayuga Lake and the dynamic community that you are all a part of.

As some of you may know, I am coming from the shores of another lake, Lake Ontario, where I served as Director of Planning and Community Development for Oswego County for the last eleven years. Our department also provided staff support to the EMC and, as Director, I was always active in EMC programs and projects. The Oswego County EMC has a very proactive program including such projects as a Biological Resource Inventory of the county, invasive species education and research, municipal wellhead protection, and significant habitat protection, among others. I look forward to working with the Tompkins County EMC on the issues you identify as important to this community.

In my slightly more distant past, I earned my Masters Degree in Planning and Community Development from the University of Colorado and worked as a planning and development consultant throughout the western United States. That perspective has been useful since my return to upstate New York (I was born and grew up in Corning).

I am anxious to meet you all at the upcoming meeting and hear more about your issues and interests.

*Submitted by Ed Marx*

## **No Reports Submitted**

Executive Committee Report  
Water Resources Committee Report  
Education Committee Report  
Pesticide Committee Report  
Environmental Review Committee Report

**Don't Forget!**  
January 9, 2001  
EMC Organizational Meeting